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Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau



Announcement

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TTB Proposes Establishment of “The Rocks District of Milton-Freewater” Viticultural Area

In [Notice No. 142](#), a notice of proposed rulemaking published in the Federal Register on February 26, 2014, TTB proposes to establish “The Rocks District of Milton-Freewater” American viticultural area in Umatilla County in northeastern Oregon. The proposed viticultural area lies entirely within the Walla Walla Valley viticultural area, which, in turn, lies entirely within the Columbia Valley viticultural area. TTB is making this proposal in response to a petition filed by a member of public; the petition states the proposed viticultural area is distinguished from the surrounding areas by its cobblestone-filled soils. TTB designates viticultural areas to allow vintners to better describe the origin of their wine and to allow consumers to better identify wines they may purchase.

At the “[Regulations.gov](#)” website, within [Docket No. TTB-2014-0003](#), you may view copies of Notice No. 142, selected supporting materials, and any comments TTB receives about the proposal, and you may [submit comments online](#) about this proposal. Please see [Notice No. 142](#) for alternative methods of commenting. Comments on this proposal must be received on or before April 28, 2014. Read the related [press release](#).

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